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SUBJECT: MORNING SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT REPORTS

1. THE ICCS: VIEWS OF

A. THE INDONESIAN DELEGATION . . .

INDONESIAN ICCS OFFICIALS HAVE TOLD EMBASSY SAIGON THAT INDONESIA INTENDS TO STAY IN THE ICCS EVEN IF CANADA PULLS OUT. THE OFFICIALS ALSO STATED THAT A JAKARTA MISSION RECENTLY IN VIETNAM WILL PROBABLY REPORT THAT THE ICCS IS INEFFECTIVE, PRIMARILY BECAUSE OF POLISH/ HUNGARIAN OBSTRUCTIONISM. THE CHAIRMAN OF THE INDONESIAN ICCS CONTINGENT IS IN JAKARTA ON CONSULTATION AND HAS TOLD REPORTERS HE DOES NOT KNOW HOW LONG INDONESIA WILL REMAIN IN VIETNAM. (CONFIDENTIAL) SAIGON 4832, FBIS 54, 3/23.

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B. . . . AND THE POLISH DELEGATION

POLITICAL ADVISERS TO THE POLISH ICCS DELEGATION
HAVE INSISTED TO EMBASSY SAIGON THAT POLAND INTENDS
TO MAKE A MAXIMUM CONTRIBUTION TO THE ESTABLISHMENT

OF PEACE. THE EMBASSY NOTES, HOWEVER, A CONSIDERABLE
DIFFERENCE BETWEEN UTTERANCES IN WARSAW AND WASHING-
TON AND POLISH DELEGATION ACTIONS IN VIETNAM.
(CONFIDENTIAL) SAIGON 4846, 3/23.

2. SIHANOUK IN CAMBODIA?

THE DEPUTY DIRECTOR FOR ASIAN AFFAIRS AT THE QUAI HAS
TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT THERE IS WIDESPREAD SPECULATION
IN PEKING ABOUT SIHANOUK' S WHEREABOUTS AND PLANS. THE
FRENCH GOVERNMENT EXPECTS DEVELOPMENTS SOON AND DOES
NOT EXCLUDE THE POSSIBILITY THAT HE MAY APPEAR IN
CAMBODIA IN AN EFFORT TO MOBILIZE HIS CAUSE. ANOTHER
FRENCH OFFICIAL TOLD EMBASSY PARIS THAT SIHANOUK MAY
WELL ALREADY BE THERE AND MAY SURFACE IN THE NEXT FEW
DAYS. (CONFIDENTIAL) PARIS 7331, 3/23.

3. PANAMA: THE NEXT STEPS

EMBASSY PANAMA REPORTS THAT PANAMA HAS BEEN EXPRESSING
SATISFACTION WITH THE COURSE OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL
MEETING AND JUBILATION AT THE US VETO. THE MEETING
WILL PRODUCE A DOMESTIC AND INTERNATIONAL MOVE TO THE
LEFT. THE EMBASSY BELIEVES PANAMA WILL INTENSIFY
PRESSURE WITH ALL AVAILABLE MEANS BUT DOES NOT EXPECT
A SOFTENING OF THE US POSITION OR A NEW TREATY IN THE
NEAR FUTURE. (CONFIDENTIAL) PANAMA 1652, 3/23.

4. US- CHILE DISCUSSIONS END DISAPPOINTINGLY

NEGOTIATIONS IN WASHINGTON BETWEEN THE US AND CHILE ON
COMPENSATION AND RELATED MATTERS CLOSED INCONCLUSIVELY
MARCH 23. BOTH SIDES EXPRESSED DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE
OUTCOME AND AGREED ON A COORDINATED, NOT JOINT, PRESS
STATEMENT DISCLOSING THAT NO PROGRESS HAD BEEN MADE.
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THE DEPARTMENT' S BUREAU OF INTER- AMERICAN AFFAIRS

COMMENTS THAT THE MEETINGS IN THEIR PRESENT FORM AND AT THEIR PRESENT LEVEL ARE OVER. PROSPECTS FOR PROGRESS EVEN AT A HIGHER LEVEL ARE DISCOURAGING. (CONFIDENTIAL) OPERATIONS CENTER - ARA, TELECON, 3/23.

5. ANOTHER ROUND IN URUGUAY

THE ARMED FORCES TOOK OVER A TELEVISION AND RADIO STATION IN MONTEVIDEO MARCH 23 AND BROADCAST A DENUNCIATION OF " MORAL DETERIORATION" IN GOVERNMENT, THEREBY INITIATING THE SECOND MILITARY- CIVILIAN CRISIS IN URUGUAY IN TWO MONTHS. AS A RESULT, PRESIDENT BORDABERRY CANCELLED

TRAVEL PLANS. (UNCLASSIFIED) UPI 319 A, 3/23; FBIS 17, 3/24.

6. INDOCHINA OPERATIONS

NINETEEN MAJOR CEASE- FIRE VIOLATIONS WERE REPORTED IN SOUTH VIETNAM DURING THE 24- HOUR PERIOD ENDING 1900 EST 23 MARCH. (CONFIDENTIAL) NMCC OPSUM, 3/24.

AIR OPERATIONS

US AIR OPERATIONS WERE CONFINED TO CAMBODIA WHERE 203 TACTICAL AND 60 B-52 SORTIES WERE FLOWN DURING THE 24- HOUR REPORTING PERIOD. (SECRET) NMCC OPSUM 3/24. ROGERS

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